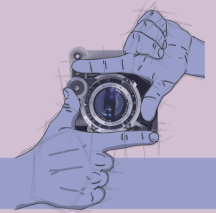




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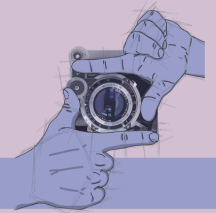


Brett Pierce, Best of Show awardee in 1996 and Drew Pierce 1998

Writers and Directors of *Deadheads* & *The Wretched*

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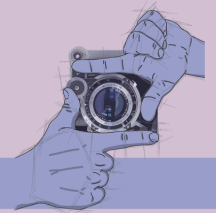
Award-Levels for the Michigan Student Film Festival

Merit: All students who enter the Festival are commended for undertaking and completing a production.

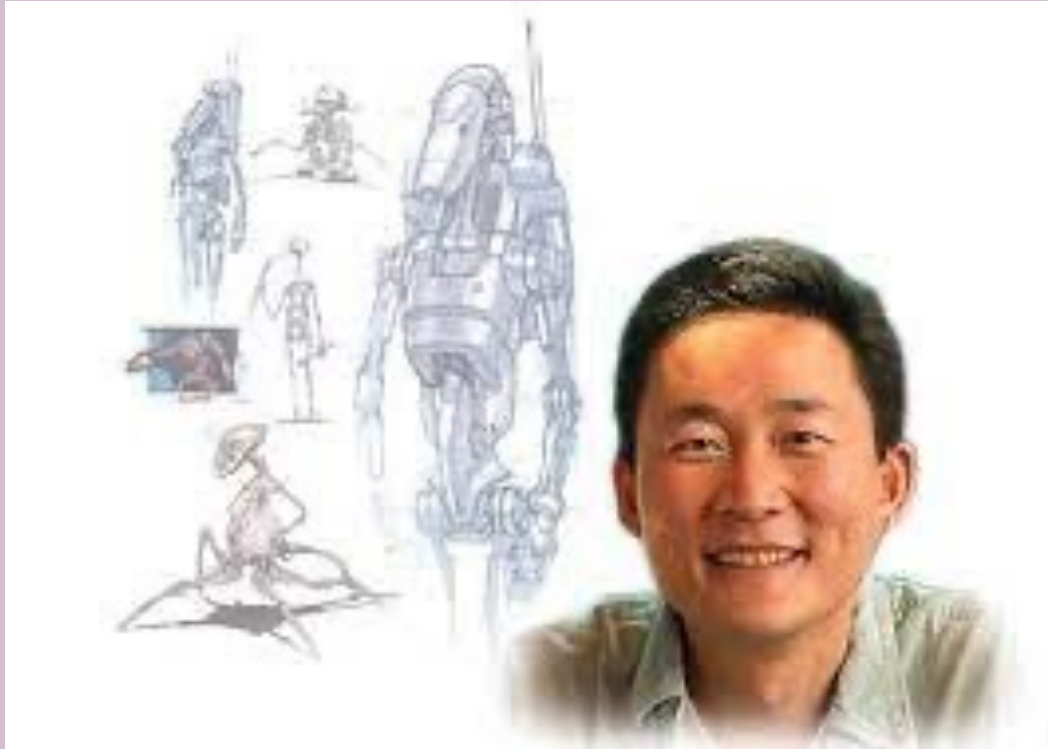
Honor: These productions are cited for a higher than average level of quality in their content and/or technical achievement.

Excellence: These productions are chosen for the outstanding level of quality in their content and/or technical achievement.

Best of Show: These are a selection of films representing the best student work from various categories and all entries.



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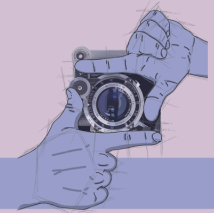
Doug Chiang

1977 DAFT winner

Artistic Producer for Lucas Films
(*The Mandalorian*) & Academy
Award winner for “Death
Becomes Her”

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John Cohen

DAFT Animation Workshop

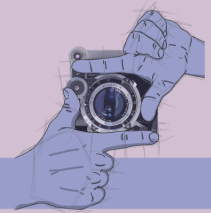
Michigan Student Film Festival

Producer

- *Garfield (2024)*
- *Angry Birds*
- *Despicable Me*

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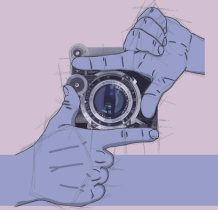
Dan Scanlon

Pixar Writer/Director of “Onward” and
“Monsters University”

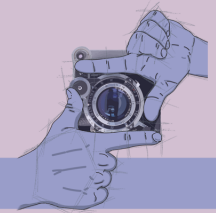
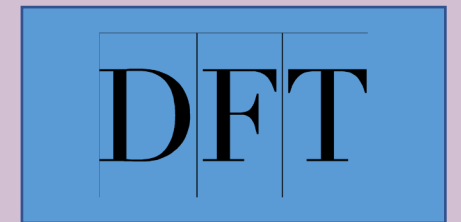


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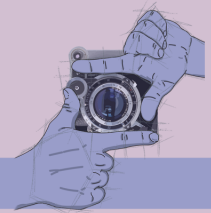
Doug Blush

Documentary
Producer/Writer/Director including
Oscar-winners...

- "Twenty Feet from Stardom"
- "Icarus"
- "Period. End of Sentence"
- "The Elephant Whisperers"

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2024 FESTIVAL JUDGES

Jamal Adams
Zeke Anders
Tami Blaszkowski
Adam Burns *
Kara Canton
Alison Chaplin
Mike Conrad *
Beth Cooper
Dylan Cutler
Mary David
Jeremiah Devlin-Ruelle
Desmond Dukes
Matt Firsten
Steph France
Annette Frank *
Jody Gaber

Steve Geresy
Jose Guzman
Stephany Harbison *
Judy Herman
Heather Hoey
Tricia Hoover Maurer
Ted Houser
Emma Hug
Cecilia Jackson
Shaun Jackson Williams
Richard Kates
Michael Kaufman *
Cynthia Keleman
Alex Kimbrough
Dennis Kutzen
Aaron Lebovic

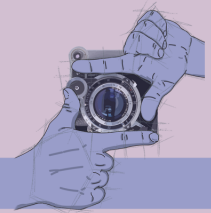
Estee Lipenholtz
Gary May
Kurt Mayry
Maureen McCarthy *
Mike McClure
Patrick Morrow
Jeff Nelson
Alisha Newsom *
Chinmay Panchal
Joshua Pardon
Michael Pfaendtner *
Kristen Repasky
Jason Roche *
Debbie Sage
Ayden Schwartz
Bailey Sisoy-Moore

Brian Stackpoole *
Bill Stancliff
Tim Thomas
Joseph Unger
Kathy Vander *
Kendall Veasey
Dan Wallace
Kathryn Walsh
Kevin Walsh
Mike Weidenhamer
Jennifer Williamson *
Bill Wolbrink *
Sophie Wynn
Kim Zaninovich
Tiana Ni Zhengrong

* Judging Room Leader

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* Room Leaders

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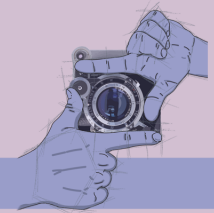


Jason Potash

Best of Show awardee in 2004, is now a producer at Storyboard Entertainment Films with film credits including *Brightest Star*, *Beside Still Waters* and *Dial a Prayer* and Broadway's Tony-winning play "Indecent"

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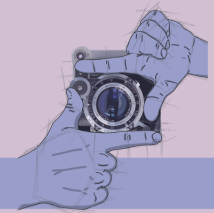
Where are they now?

Daniel Casey, a Michigan Student Film Festival Best of Show winner in 2000, is now a screenwriter (*10 Cloverfield*, *Kin Fast & Furious 9*) and was selected to attend the Sundance Directors Lab for his script *POLETOWN*.



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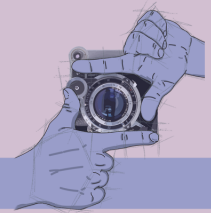


Bill Wolbrink

Careerline Tech Center
Holland, Michigan

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POSTER DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS



Grand Prize **COREY ROZEMA**

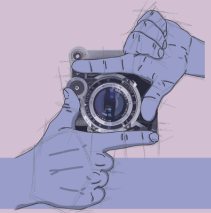
Careerline Tech Center (Holland, MI)

Honorable Mention

Amiya Perez, William D. Ford Tech Center
Grace Hartig, Edsel Ford High School

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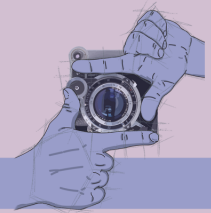
Kasey Bell

Best of Show recipient in 2000 is now working in the production department of *Family Guy* & *American Dad*.



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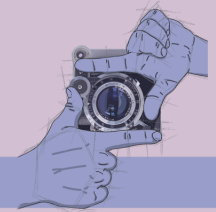


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UNIVERSITY



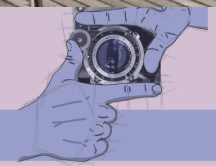
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Where are they now?

David Frank, multiple Festival Best of Show winner (2000-2003) has travelled around world as a freelance videographer shown here on a shoot in New York.



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2024 Festival Schools & Supervisors

Ann Arbor Pioneer High School: Jefferey Kass

Arts Academy in the Woods (Fraser): Brett Guay

Baker Middle School (Troy): Colin Quinn

Bates Academy (Detroit): Illya Tolbert

Brownell Middle School (Grosse Pointe Schools):
Corey Ernst

Careerline Tech Center (Ottawa): Bill Wolbrink

Carlson High School (Gibraltar): Patrick Morrow

Clinton County RESA/Ovid Elsie High School:
Michael Puffpaff

Dearborn High School: Adam Rauscher

Detroit Academy Of Arts and Sciences (Detroit):
Muffy Ganyor & Judy Mock

Detroit Country Day School: Brett Salamin

Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium: Scott A.
Galeski

F V Pankow Center (L'Anse Creuse Public Schools):
Michael Kaufman

Fitzgerald High School: Brooke Smith

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Grand Rapids):
Chad Kremer

Grosse Pointe North High School: Brian Stackpoole

Grosse Pointe South High School: Stephen Geresy

Henry Ford II High School (Sterling Heights): Lisa
Grunewald

Home School: Christopher Kimberly

Home School: Michael Garrington

Honey Creek Community School: Todd Marsee

Horizon High School: Aaron Guay

Kalamazoo Central High School: Troy Smith

Keller Elementary (Royal Oak): Annette Frank

Lake Orion High School: Roger Smith

Lake Shore High School: Tamela Blaszkowski

Lakeland High School, White Lake: Scott Rolando

Lakeview High School (Battle Creek): Jodi Darland

Lapeer County Education & Technology Center:
Jennie Holladay

Martell Elementary School (Troy): Mary Burns

North West Ed Career Tech: Zach Wendland

NorthPointe Christian High School: Jon Den Houter

Northwood Elementary School: Juliana Schewe-
Jackson

Ojibwa Elementary (Macomb): Nino Pace

Oxford High School: Martha Suk

Pierce Middle School (Grosse Pointe): Steve Geresy

Pontiac Academy for Excellence (Pontiac): Veda
Thomas

Renaissance Homeschool Group (Farmington): Alex
Thomas

Rochester Adams High School (Rochester Hills): Sara
Mutart

Rockford High School: Kris DeYoung

Romeo High School: Stephany Harbison

Roosevelt High School: Janet Haddad

Royal Oak High School: Mike Conrad

Smith Middle School (Troy): Thomas Butcher

Trillium Academy (Taylor, MI): Michael Chrusciel

Troy Athens High School: Adam Burns

Troy High School : Thomas Butcher

University Liggett School: Phillip Moss

**Utica Center for Science and Industry (Sterling
Heights):** Michael Allore

Walled Lake Western High School: Stephanie Doppke

Wass Elementary School (Troy): Lori Kostrzewa

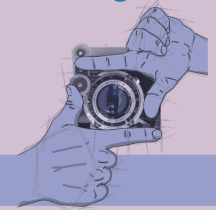
West Bloomfield High School (West Bloomfield):
Jennifer Williamson

William D Ford Career Technical Center: Raymar
Patterson

Wixom Elementary School: K.S.Young-Burch

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Where are they now?

Kale Davidoff, recipient of a Best of Show award in 2008, is now in the production department for films such as *Iron Man 3*, *Transformers 4*, *Batman v. Superman* and *Avatar 2-4*.

